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Were Well Pleased With "The Heart of the Rockies"

Tuesday noon we began thinking of the "good old days." Two or three cowboys came riding down the street, in Western regalia, mounted, and ready for service. Sauntering along with them was Jose, a Mexican, with high-topped, wide-brimmed sombrero, and other parts of his apparel indicating that he was distinctively of Spanish descent. Quite unconsciously the years seemed to drift away, and before our vision was mile after mile of semi-arid lands, splattered with yucca, mesquite, pinon, cedar, and cactus; with an occasional arroyo, a mesa, and ever so many miles a Mexican hy-cal—nothing to relieve the monotony but the mirage that merged with the horizon. The only thing that brought us from this reverie was a lively air taken up by the Liberal City Band, which reminded us, to our sorrow, that it was nothing but a show after all.

"The Heart of the Rockies," a typical Western play, which was shown at the opera house Tuesday night, was given under the auspices of the Liberal band, and under the direction of Lenn Harris. Mr. Harris is a man of wide experience in his line, and chose a company of exceptional merit which is said to rival many of the professional theatrical companies now on the road. The house was crowded, and tense dramatic situations and sparkling humor held the interest of the audience till the end. Special numbers by Paul Stouffer, Dan Murphy, and Ruth Harris were loudly applauded, and the specialties between acts were exceptionally good and appreciated by all. The Liberal band furnished special music throughout the performance. Taken all-in-all, "The Heart of the Rockies" was the best local talent play ever staged in the city.

There was some little misunderstanding concerning a banquet given at the Annex Cafe after the show which the boys desire to be explained. The band, to show its appreciation to the cast, gave the banquet, paying for twelve plates out of the general fund. The band boys also ate at this banquet, but paid for same individually. The band cleared from the play more than \$80 above any and all expenses, and desire to express their thanks to the people of Liberal for their support.

Miss Mildred Baird, who has for some time been connected with the Citizens State Bank at Hugoton, came over Saturday to take charge of the books of the Liberal Light, Ice & Power company. Miss Baird is an experienced bookkeeper and has dabbled in the newspaper game at one time in her life, in both of which arts she has made good. The Democrat is pleased to see her come to Liberal to make her home, and assures the patrons of the Light plant they will have satisfactory service in her department.

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THE QUALITY STORE

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NEW STYLE POINTS FOR SPRING



Coat fronts are becoming straighter. The waist line is high. The shoulders are narrow and straight. Lapels are narrow with a tendency to the peak shape. Collars are narrow and the gorge is low. Coats in the front present a chesty effect.



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Has Taught Us How to Serve
You Better**

Auto Hearse for Liberal

Mr. and Mrs. David Curtis returned Tuesday from an extended business and pleasure trip in Oklahoma and Iowa. Mr. Curtis was in Des Moines, Iowa, while away and purchased an auto hearse for his undertaking business. The new hearse is made by the Des Moines Hearse and Casket company, one of the biggest concerns of its kind in the country. It will be mounted on a Ford chassis and will be up-to-date in every respect. Most vehicles at funerals are automobiles and where the old fashioned horse-drawn hearse is used it makes it inconvenient for those who drive to the cemetery. If you are "dying for a ride" and will wait a few days for the new hearse to get here, Dave will be able to take care of you in proper style.

Fred C. Sweltzer and J. A. McAllister, two prominent farmers of the Lorena community, transacted business in Liberal Wednesday. They report crop prospects excellent in their neighborhood.



A MAN'S WIFE ONCE PERSUADED HIM TO GIVE HER AN ALLOWANCE.

SHE OPENED A BANK ACCOUNT.
THE HUSBAND BECAME INVOLVED.
THE MONEY THE WIFE HAD IN THE BANK, UNKNOWN TO HER HUSBAND, SAVED HIM FROM BUSINESS FAILURE.
GIVE YOUR WIFE A BANK ACCOUNT. SHE IS YOUR BEST FRIEND AND BEST PARTNER.

BANK WITH US

THE PEOPLES STATE BANK

Notice of Democratic Convention

A mass convention of the Democrats of Seward county will be held at the Opera House on Saturday, March 25, 1916, at 3:00 p. m. This convention is held for the purpose of electing three delegates and three alternates to the state convention at Hutchinson on April 11, at which time a national committeeman and delegates to the national convention will be elected.

R. ROMER, Chairman.
A. L. HIEBERT, Secretary.

E. W. Joslin and Bob Crawford drove over from Hugoton Monday morning. Mr. Joslin returned to Hugoton the same day and Mr. Crawford went to Wichita to attend a meeting of the directors of the Farmers and Bankers Insurance company.

Christian Church

The revival service at the Christian church is progressing nicely, interest increasing from night to night. Bro. Snively is giving us some fine sermons. It is your opportunity to hear the gospel. You cannot afford to miss it. Twelve have already expressed a desire for the better life, and many others should not allow this opportunity to pass unimproved. Are you one of the number? Think, decide and act now. Men's meeting Sunday at 3 p. m. Good music and good speaking. Come and hear it.

H. F. BOLTON, Pastor.

C. E. Rasler, who lives northwest of town, has sold his land in Beaver county and has purchased a half section in the Obern neighborhood. He will not move onto the new place, however, until after harvest.

Burned to Death at Moscow

Our neighboring town of Moscow was the scene of another sad tragedy Monday afternoon when the seven year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. William Cooper of Springdale, Ark., received burns from which he died. Mrs. Cooper and children had just arrived on the train to visit at the homes of her brothers, William and Ben Horn, near town; while waiting the conveyance to take them out home, the boys, with one or two others, went into the storage room back of the Morrell store, formerly owned by J. T. Gray.

It is thought that one of them struck a match which ignited the waste oil on the floor and in a moment the building was aflame. The older boys next to the door escaped, but the little fellow in the rear of the room was held in by the flames. Rescuers came immediately and tore away the boards on the back of the building and pulled the boy out, but he was so fearfully burned that he died a few minutes before six o'clock, his flesh being burned to a crisp. Burial was made in Moscow cemetery Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, after a brief funeral service conducted by neighbors. Mrs. Cooper is said to be in a very precarious condition from the shock.—Hugoton Hermes.

And Feinberg, Too

The friends of M. Feinberg in Liberal are in receipt of invitations to his wedding, which will occur at Metropolitan Hall, Philadelphia, on next Tuesday evening at 7 o'clock. The bride will be Miss Rebecca Cooperstein of 920 N. Marshall street, that city. Mr. Feinberg has been in business in Liberal about a year and has made many friends during that time who will join us in wishing him and his bride all of the best that married life affords. His wife is a stranger to the people of Liberal, but the Democrat is sure she will like the town and people when she gets acquainted. They will return in about a week after the wedding.

Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Wright left Monday for St. John, Kansas, to attend the funeral of Mrs. Wright's grandfather, Mac. D. Martin. Mr. Martin was well known to the people of Liberal, who will regret to hear of his passing away. He had made his home in Fullerton, California, for several years, at which place his death occurred.

N. F. Rice, who came in last week from Illinois with a carload of horses to be sold at auction, was so well pleased with the sale of his stock that he intends to return in a few weeks with another bunch. Good horses have never been in greater demand or brought better prices in this country than right now, but scrub stock is passed up almost contemptuously by the farmers. It pays to spend a little more for stock and get a good grade.

What Kind of a Man

Are You { The man who can't
The man who intended to
or the man who will

?

The last kind are the men who get ahead. Start an account and get out of the rut.

First National Bank
LIBERAL, KANSAS

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